Increase of LPCD norms

2431. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:
SHRI MUKESH R. PATEL:

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government convened a meeting of all Chief Ministers on the 4th and 5th July, 1996 at New Delhi; and it was principally agreed to increase the LPCD norms from 40 LPCD to 55 LPCD and allow 30 per cent private house connections in Maharashtra;

(b) whether Government have taken any steps regarding initiation of that agreed proposal uptill;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government have any new plan of drinking water supply programme in Maharashtra to mitigate the grievances of the people?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU): (a) The Chief Ministers' Conference held on 4-5th July, 1996 had recommended that the present norm of 40 lpcd be revised to 55 lpcd.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) It is proposed to implemented the above recommendation, after providing safe drinking water facilities as per the existing norm to all the 'Not Covered' and 'Partially Covered' habitations.

(e) No, Sir.

Centrally sponsored Rural Sanitation Programme

2432. SHRI MUKESH R. PATEL:
SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress of the centrally sponsored Rural Sanitation Programme during the last two years, State-wise;

(b) the funds allocated by Government for this programme during the above period, State-wise;

(c) whether Government have cleared the funds allocated for this programme in the Maharashtra Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what is Government's view regarding Maharashtra Government's appeal to increase cost limit of individual latrine?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU): (a) The information is given in the enclosed Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) The information is given in the enclosed Statement-II (*See* below)

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Allocation of Rs. 821.82 lakh has been made for Maharashtra during 1997-98 out of which Rs. 410.91 lakh has been released as first instalment.

(e) The State Governments have been permitted to meet the difference between the increasd cost and the existing cost limit of Rs. 2500/- per sanitary latrine under the Centrally Sponsored Rural Sanitation Programme from the State Sector Minimum Needs Programme funds.

Statement-I

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	Progress of CRSP (Number of latrines constructed)	
		95-96	96-97
1	Andhra Pradesh	132978	91454
2	Arunachal Pradesh	896	668
3	Assam	4128	3811
4	Bihar	0	212
5	Goa	2345	2931
6	Gujarat	36500	29541
7	Haryana	35751	12971
8	Himachal Pradesh	73553	43131
9	Jammu & Kashmir	12708	0
10	Karnataka	132134	151094
11	Kerala	19613	19438
12	Madhya Pradesh	93352	36669
13	Maharashtra	15174	31926
14	Manipur	1333	435
15	Meghalaya	1945	3018
16	Mizoram	500	271
17	Nagaland	0	0
18	Orissa	37296	3810
19	Punjab	3424	1054
20	Rajasthan	65876	129951
21	Sikkim	2024	1500
22	Tamil Nadu	23958	24447
23	Tripura	2051	1369
24	Uttar Pradesh	138099	93184
25	West Bengal	74788	117123
26	Andaman & Nicobar Island	2441	3720
27	Chandigarh	0	0
28	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	79	27

1	2	3	4
29	Daman & Diu	62	7
30	Delhi	0	0
31	Lakshadweep	145	202
32	Pondicherry	619	407
	Total	869793	804311

Statement--II

Refered to in Part (B) of Rajya Sabha unstarred Question No. 2432 for Reply on 13-08-1997

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	Allocation under CRSP (Rs. in lakhs)	
		95-96	96-97
1	Andhra Pradesh	331.00	343.00
2	Arunachal Pradesh	8.00	8.00
3	Assam	126.00	130.00
4	Bihar	589.00	603.00
5	Goa	5.00	5.00
6	Gujarat	149.00	155.00
7	Haryana	54.00	56.00
8	Himachal Pradesh	52.00	54.00
9	Jammu & Kashmir	73.00	75.00
10	Karnataka	269.00	278.00
11	Kerala	297.00	214.00
12	Madhya Pradesh	383.00	401.00
13	Maharashtra	424.00	439.00
14	Manipur	16.00	16.00
15	Meghalaya	16.00	17.00
16	Mizoram	5.00	5.00
17	Nagaland	10.00	10.00
18	Orissa	233.00	241.00
19	Punjab	55.00	57.00
20	Rajasthan	200.00	207.00

1	2	3	4
21	Sikkim	5.00	5.00
22	Tamil Nadu	351.00	363.00
23	Tripura	25.00	26.00
24	Uttar Pradesh	824.00	852.00
25	West Bengal	319.00	325.00
26	Andaman & Nicobar Island	5.00	5.00
27	Chandigarh	5.00	5.00
28	Dadra & Nagar Heveli	5.00	5.00
29	Daman & Diu	5.00	5.00
30	Delhi	5.00	5.00
31	Lakshadweep	5.00	5.00
32	Pondicherry	5.00	5.00
	Total	4769.00	4920.00

Prime Minister's visit to Melghat forest region

2433. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:

DR .SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister will pay a visit to the Melghat forest region of Amravati District of Maharashtra where more than 4500 tribal children have died due to malnutrition and disease and the spate of deaths is still continuing;

(b) if so, by when the PM contemplates this visit; and

(c) what steps will be taken to clear the pending issues of various schemes of Government with respect of Melghat, before the PMs visit?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU): (a) to (c) The Prime Minister or the Minister concerned would plan a visit to the Melghat forest region of Amaravati District of Maharashtra at a suitable time depending on the advice of the State Government.

District identified for westeland development in Tamil Nadu

2434. SHRI S. MUTHUMANI: Will the Minitser of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the districts in Tamil Nadu selected|opted for development of wasteland into cultivable land;

(b) the total amount released as Centre's share during 1995-96 and 1996-97.

(c) whether the centre have received any requests from the State Government to extend the Scheme to other districts which are not opted|selected now; and

(d) if so, the action taken in this regard?